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In re Application of  
Porter, et. al.  
Application No. 10/686,929  
Filed: October 15, 2003  
Attorney Docket No. 355492-4151

DECISION ON REQUEST  
TO WITHDRAW FROM  
RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR § 1.36(b), filed December 27, 2005.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The Office cannot approve the request at this time since the reasons provided do not meet any of the conditions under the mandatory or permissive categories enumerated in 37 CFR 10.40. Section 10.40 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulation states, "[a] practitioner shall not withdraw from employment in a proceeding before the Office without permission from the Office[.]" More specifically, 37 CFR 10.40 states, "[i]f paragraph (b) of this section is not applicable, a practitioner may not request permission to withdraw in matter pending before the Office unless such request or such withdrawal is" for one the permissive reasons listed in 37 CFR 10.40(c). The reasons set forth in the request, that the application has been transferred, does not meet any of the conditions set forth in 37 CFR 10.40.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above address until otherwise notified by applicant.

There is an Office action mailed January 27, 2006 that requires a reply from the applicant.

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